

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AUGUST 10, 2015**

Mayor Sears called the Town Council Meeting of August 10, 2015 to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Sears led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ernest led the Invocation.

Present: Mayor Sears, Mayor Pro-Tem Ernest, Councilor Nebel, Councilor Conroy and Councilor Mabry.

Also Present: Police Chief Thomas, Library Director Hall, Administrative Assistant Rhoden and Town Clerk Brasher.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held June 22, 2015, Town Council Budget Work Session Held July 13, 2015, Town Council Meeting Held July 13, 2015, Town Council Budget Work Session Held July 20, 2015

Councilor Nebel, seconded by Councilor Mabry, moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Approval of Proposal from Lem Bryant Land Clearing in the amount of \$5,670.00 for dewatering and excavation for inlet and provide and install type C bubble up inlet, back fill and dress out site where on N. Lakeshore Blvd. where drainage has collapsed

Mayor Sears gave background on this item. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Councilor Conroy, seconded by Councilor Nebel, moved to approve the proposal from Lem Bryant Land Clearing in the amount of \$5,670 for dewatering and excavation for the inlet and provide and install Type C Bubble Up Inlet, back fill and dress out the site on N. Lakeshore Blvd where the drainage has collapsed, subject to the approval and details to be approved by Mayor Pro-Tem Ernest. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Consideration and Approval of Proposal from Lem Bryant Land Clearing in the amount of \$3,380.00 for excavation for curb, install 210 feet of Type F curb and dress out site

Mayor Sears gave background on this item. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Councilor Conroy, seconded by Councilor Mabry, moved to table this item. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Consideration of Proposal of Auditing Services for 2015 (\$28,000), 2016 (\$28,250) and 2017 (\$28,500) from Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC

Mayor Sears gave background on this item.

Councilor Nebel, seconded by **Mayor Pro-Tem Ernest**, moved to approve the Proposal of Auditing Services for 2015 (\$28,000), 2016 (\$28,250) and 2017 (\$28,500) from Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Consideration and Approval of Solid Waste Franchise Agreement with WCA

Mayor Sears gave background. **Town Clerk Brasher** said she negotiated the agreement with WCA and provided details.

Skip McCall, representative from WCA gave detailed background on WCA and the changeover process.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ernest, seconded by **Councilor Conroy**, moved to approve the Solid Waste Franchise Agreement with WCA. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Discussion: Parking Design from Lassiter Transportation Group
Mayor Sears gave detailed background. A lengthy discussion ensued.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to bring this item back to the August 27th Town Council Meeting to have a representative from Lassiter Transportation Group present.

Discussion: Public Services Supervisor Position
Mayor Sears gave detailed background on this item.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to advertise this position according to the Personnel Policy and for the position to be open for 30 days.

Discussion: Proposal from Utility Repair Experts for Meter Services
Mayor Sears gave detailed background on this item. A lengthy discussion ensued.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to bring this item back at a later date.

PUBLIC HEARING

First Reading of Ordinance No. 2015-003 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA; RELATED TO WASTEWATER RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES; MODIFYING THE WASTEWATER RATES OF THE TOWN; AMENDING CHAPTER 171 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FINDINGS; MODIFYING RATE SCHEDULES; MODIFYING MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL INDEXING ADJUSTMENTS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS OF PAST RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Sears gave background on this item.

Mayor Sears read by title only, Ordinance No. 2015-003.

The Public Hearing was opened. As no one wished to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilor Mabry, seconded by Councilor Nebel, move to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-003. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Sears discussed the following:

- He will be meeting with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to discuss the Downtown Vision – Four Corner Project Proposal from BESH.
- Thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Ernest for assisting the Public Services Department during this transition.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ernest discussed the following:

- Said the rail replacement at the pier is underway and the whole deck needs replaced. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding applying for a Fish and Game Grant for the dock

Councilor Nebel announced the following:

- Said he will not be able to attend the MPO Meetings on August 24th and August 26th.

It was the consensus of the Town Council for Town Clerk Brasher to attend the meeting on the 24th and Councilor Conroy would attend the meeting on the 26th.

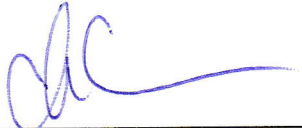
Councilor Conroy – No comments

Councilor Mabry – No comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Riggs, 703 S. Lakeshore Blvd. gave background on the zoning of his property which is causing a delay in the sale of his home. Mayor Sears gave detailed background on this item and And said the Town is amending the Land Development Code to correct this problem.

The meeting adjourned at


Chris Sears, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Brasher, MMC
Town Clerk